GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3769
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FILLING OF VACANT POSTS IN ITDC
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Paryatan Vikas Nigam Me Khatam Hone Wale Pad Bharney Ke Taiyari` appearing in the `The Rashtriya Sahara` dated July 6, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the date on which the decision to abolish the said vacant posts was taken; and

(d) the details of losses suffered by the Motels of Indian Tourism Development Corporationduring each of the last three years and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The instructions issued by the Government on austerity measures like ban on filling up vacant posts are in the nature of general guidelines. Specific cases of filling up vacancies in PSUs are to be decided by the respective Boards of PSUs.

(c): As clarified by Department of Expenditure vide their OM No. 7(3)E-Coord/2001 dated10.05.2001 recruitment/promotion to various posts below Board level comes under the purview of the respective PSEs and specific cases of recruitment/promotion are to be decided by the Boards of these PSEs.In the instant case the decision to fill up two posts of Vice Presidents was taken with the approval of Board of Directors of ITDC.Out of two posts of Vice President (Hotels) for which interviews were held, officiating arrangement has been made against one post.

(d): The details of losses incurred by Hotels Division during the last 3 years are given as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01(Prov.)
Loss	13.09	45.36	43.73

The loss making situation is attributed inter-alia to:

i) Higher wage cost and higher fixed variable cost,
ii) Increase in availability of hotels rooms in approved sector resulting in cut-throat competition and price war and
iii) Uncertainity because of impending disinvestment etc.